

The Free Press Short Story

SO'S YOUR OLD MAN

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JOE STAPLES whistled and threw the letter he had just received to his roommate, Trowbridge. "There's a bit of news," he said. "My old man's coming to pay me a visit."

bed dead tired. When I went to my room I lay awake for an hour, listening to the wind and rain and boiling over with good resolutions. Then I dreamed I was in a submarine, and the water was bubbling all around me. I woke up and heard the worst storm I ever remember roaring outside, and sure enough, the spray was dashing through-chinks in the old window frame.

Then he staggered, and we laid him down by the fire and rubbed him; and he was soon well enough to drive home in Major Barker's car, but he wouldn't start until we had taken old Andy to his cabin and made him comfortable. Father has never been strong since then; his heart and all his muscles were too badly strained. You notice I don't buy many new clothes, and billiards and flowers never get a cent out of me. All my spare cash goes to him. You notice, too, that I don't speak of my 'old man.' He's my father; and if I turn out to be as good as he is—well, I'll be a man.

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THE MAN IN THE BOY

Have you ever wondered what is meant by the saying "The boy is father of the man?" Here are a few very short stories which may help you to understand the saying, and to see how true it often is.

A Swedish boy fell out of a window and was badly hurt, but with clenched teeth he kept back the cry of pain. The king, who saw him fall, said that such a boy would make a useful man in any time of danger. And so he did for he became a famous general.

A boy, who lived among the mountains in the north of Italy, used to crush flowers to get the color out of their petals; and with this paint, he painted the white wall of his father's house with all sorts of pictures. He was the great artist, Titian.

An old painter used to watch a little fellow who amused himself making drawings on his paint-pots, his easel, his stool, and anything else he could find to draw on. The painter said, "That boy will be a great man some day." And so he did, for he was the famous sculptor and painter, Michael Angelo.

A little Scottish boy, whose parents were poor, had to leave school and work in a factory. He did not give up his dream of doing some great work in the world. He carried his Latin book in his pocket, and spent every spare minute in study. He saved his money to take him to the university during the winter, although he had to come back and work in the factory all summer. He was David Livingstone, the great African missionary and explorer.

Now you begin to see how the boy can be the father of the man. Every boy has in him the beginnings of the man he is to become, and the kind of boy he is now tells us the kind of man he will be.

Boys cannot all become great men, but they can all become good men, if they care to do so. And how can they do this? Simply by attending to their habits. They must get rid of their bad habits, and try to learn good and useful ones; and they must do so while they are young.

A wilful falsehood is a cripple, not able to stand by itself without another to support it. It is easy to tell a lie, but hard to tell only one lie.—Fuller.

MANITOBA FARM STATISTICS

According to the preliminary estimates of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Manitoba has increased her holdings of all lines of live-stock with the exception of horses. The number of horses in Manitoba in 1931 estimated at 342,700 as compared with 359,900 in 1930.

Cattle have increased from 735,500 to 767,800; sheep have increased from 223,400 to 229,500; hogs from 271,500 to 334,400. Poultry had an increase of 54,000 to 5,088,000; and ducks, geese and turkeys all showed increases as well. The estimated turkey population for 1931 was 521,000.

There was an increase in production of some 200,000 dozen eggs; an increase of over 5,000,000 pounds of butter. All the field crops figures were definitely down, however. Wheat bushelage is estimated at 27,000,000 bushels compared to 45,278,000 bushels last year; oats 26,000,000 compared to 50,000,000 last year; barley 15,490,000 compared to almost 50,000,000 last year. Rye dropped to 650,000 from 2,000,000 bushels last year. Flax production was estimated at 620,000 bushels compared to 1,086,000 last year.

GIVE 'EM A BLANKET A man was complaining of the lack of warmth in the boarding-house in which he was staying. "In the daytime it is bad enough," he said, "but at night I frequently wake up and hear my teeth chattering on the dressing table."

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